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It's Wicked!

Nikki in rehearsals in London Code NA

by Henry James

AN actress who was born in West Lancashire is playing one of the leading roles in a West End musical which is starting its first tour of the UK and opening in the North West this week.

Nikki Davis–Jones will be starring as Elphaba in the production of Wicked which runs at the Palace Theatre, Manchester for 10 weeks from tomorrow (Thursday, September 12).

The 32–year–old, whose parents now live in Aughton, said: "It is brilliant for me that the show is opening in Manchester as it is not too far away from my family home. There is a real buzz about the show in the city.

"I could have lived with my parents while the show is on, but I decided to stay in Manchester. I plan to go back home on a Sunday though for a roast dinner.

Nikki attended singing classes with Eunice Woof in Ormskirk.

POLICE COME UNDER ATTACK FROM BRICK THROWING YOBS

Report by Henry James

POLICE responding to an earlier attack on a delivery vehicle had bottles and bricks hurled at their patrol cars.

The officers were patrolling the Castlehey area of Skelmersdale at about 3.15am on Friday, September 6 when they came under attack.

Following the incident, five men, aged 19, 20, 21, 24, 26, and two 17–year–old boys, all from Skelmersdale, were arrested on suspicion of violent disorder.

They have all now been released on bail until November 1 pending further enquiries.

In the earlier attack, a delivery driver carrying alcohol was challenged by a group of youths from an address on Castlehey at about 12.40am. One of the group attacked the vehicle with a crowbar causing damage.

Chief Inspector Nick Emmett said: "I would like to reassure the local community that we are taking incidents such as these extremely seriously.

"We are determined to take action against anybody whose behaviour and actions affect the lives of decent, law–abiding members of the community and we will continue to maintain a highly visible presence in areas of crime and disorder.

"I want to reiterate our message that this is a long–term, ongoing operation to disrupt, tackle and prevent criminals from operating in Skelmersdale.

"We are committed to using all the powers available to us, whether that is ASBOs, closure orders or evictions, to ensure our community is not left intimidated or vulnerable by a small minority of criminals' intent on causing problems.

"I'd like to thank members of the community for the information they have provided to us in recent weeks and I'd continue to urge people to put their faith in us and to have the confidence to report any information or concerns they have."

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Police crackdown on mini–moto menace

Report by Henry James

Riders warned bikes could be crushed

SIX mini–motos that were being used anti–socially have been seized by police in West Lancashire in the past two months.

The bikes were seized across Ormskirk and Skelmersdale as part of an ongoing operation to tackle motorcycle nuisance in the area.

Sgt. Paul Moseley from the Ormskirk and Burscough neighbourhood policing team said: "Bikers who ride around West Lancashire in a dangerous and anti–social manner risk having their bike seized – or crushed – under police powers.

"Residents have told us that they are concerned about quad bike and mini–moto nuisance and we are taking direct action.

"The vast majority of riders abide by the law but we find there are a small minority who ride their bikes with no insurance and don't comply with safety regulations. Such nuisance will not be tolerated and we will take action against anyone found to be breaking the law.

"We will continue to work with residents and the council to tackle this issue and keep West Lancashire a safe place."

Section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002 allows the police to confiscate motorcycles from anyone who rides their bike illegally and in an inconsiderate or careless manner.

Councillor David Sudworth, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for community safety, said: "The council works with the police to tackle bikers who make a nuisance of themselves. Seizing these bikes will act as a warning to others that they must comply with the law and not behave in an anti–social manner while riding their quad or mini–moto bikes."

Anyone who wishes to ride an off–road bike, a quad bike or go–ped should ensure they have public liability insurance. Anyone who wishes to ride their bike on the roads must also make sure their vehicle is registered, taxed and has a valid MOT certificate.

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Fly–past tribute to RAF war veteran Archie

Report by **Henry James**

A SECOND World War veteran is set to receive a special belated birthday tribute, courtesy of one of Britain's most iconic aircraft.

Archie Johnstone, who is a resident of Birch Green care home in Skelmersdale, is the oldest surviving member of RAF Bomber Command, having celebrated his 99th birthday last Sunday, September 8.

And this week – weather permitting – a Lancaster Bomber will take a detour en route to the neighbouring Southport Air Show to perform a fly–past over the home in Ivydale as a mark of respect to the former RAF man.

Archie, who served as a navigator and bomb aimer, was initially a member of 44 Rhodesia Bomber Squadron, before being hand–picked to join the famous 617 Squadron, joining after the Dambusters raids.

He was, though, involved in the sinking of the German battleship, Tirpitz in 1944.

This will be the second time Archie has been honoured with a fly–past. Last year the Lancaster performed a total of four fly–pasts above Skelmersdale on his actual 98th birthday.

Archie's son, Robert, who helped to organise the tribute, said: "Last year the fly–past coincided with my dad's actual birthday and he was moved to tears by the gesture. There were about 20 relatives and friends at his birthday and most of us were in tears, it was such an emotive event.

Former RAF navigator Archie Johnstone pictured in front of a Lancaster Bomber. Code1051722

"When I initially enquired, I was told they don't do fly–pasts for birthdays but luckily I was able to persuade them to change their policy."

Meanwhile, Robert is hoping that publicising the event will give more people the chance to witness the fly–past.

"Last year people in the town saw the plane but didn't know why it was flying over Skelmersdale. They came out of the library and Asda to look. One elderly woman even thought it was a terrorist attack on the town!

"This year I wanted to notify people that the Lancaster was flying over, although I would point out that it's subject to weather conditions."

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School's dancing feat!

Talented twinkle toes twirl to 100% exam success

Report by **Henry James**

TALENTED pupils of a dance school are celebrating an amazing 100 per cent exam success.

All 49 students of Rufford School of Dance entered for exams with the International Dance Teachers' Association (IDTA) achieved either a distinction or merit grade.

And there was special recognition for two ballet students, Molly McCourt, 17, and six–year–old Laura Tingle, who both achieved exceptional marks.

In fact, Molly's ability impressed the IDTA examiner so much that she has been nominated for an International Theatre Dance Award, an accolade given only to the top five per cent of candidates in the UK.

Principal, Lorraine Ryan, who founded the school in 2006, commented: "These fantastic results are a tribute to the hard work and dedication of the students.

"I'm so proud of all of them and really pleased that the examiner recognised the special talents of Molly and Laura.

"Although Laura was too young to receive a nomination this year I'm sure it will only be a matter of time."

Classes are held at Rufford Village Hall throughout the week and resumed on Saturday, September 7.

For further information contact Lorraine Ryan on 07939 688 447.

Laura Tingle and Molly McCourt Code NA

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Skelmersdale Asda Community Champion Helen Broady presents a £200 cheque to Toni Bell–Hewitt and Irene Hesketh of The Oaks Foodbank and £50 to Phillip Newby of The Wolves. £50 also went to Streetdance. Code1061979

Foodbank wins £200 boost

OAKS Foodbank is the latest winner of a community campaign run by a Skelmersdale supermarket.

Representatives from the charity, based in Tanhouse, were presented with a cheque for £200 as part of Asda's Chosen By You Given by Us initiative.

The scheme gives local charities and organisations the chance to be nominated by the public, or to nominate themselves, to receive a donation from their local store.

West Lancashire Wolves disabled youth club, for people with learning disabilities, based at Digmoor Community Centre, and Street Dance, a non–profit dance group, were joint runners–up and each received £50.

Asda Skelmersdale Community Champion, Helen Broady, said: "We were pleased to help the Oaks Foodbank. Most people are feeling the pinch, but, rest assured, there is always someone worse off."

The campaign is currently being run with the following three charities – Skelmersdale Sea Cadets, a Community Coffee Club and West Lancashire College allotment group.

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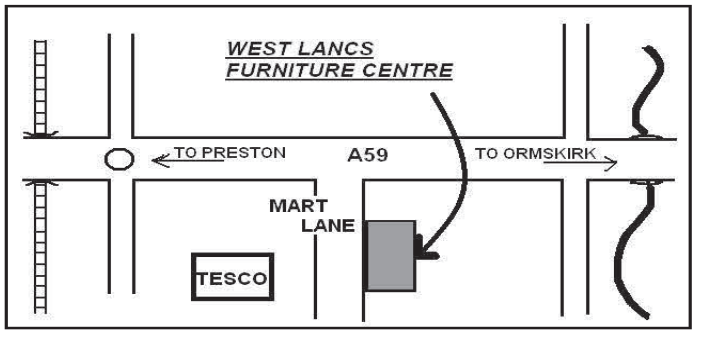

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Primary school earns top marks

PUPILS, staff, parents and governors of a local primary school are thrilled with their latest Ofsted report.

The government inspectors recognised the strengths of Crow Orchard School in School Lane, Skelmersdale, while highlighting very few areas for improvement.

They stated: "Almost all pupils at all key stages throughout the school make good progress."

The Ofsted inspectors also stated that teaching was "consistently good and some outstanding."

Behaviour and safety were recognised as "outstanding" and the report added "the behaviour of pupils and their attitudes to learning are often exemplary."

With regard to leadership and management it was noted "they have a clear view of how well the school is doing and what it needs to do to improve the quality of teaching and pupil's achievement further."

Crow Orchard head teacher, Miss Hedges, said: "We are pleased that the school received such a good report, as it reflects the happy place Crow Orchard is and how hard everyone works to achieve the school's aims.

"Crow Orchard is a school that is committed to making learning fun, nurturing the pupils and developing essential life skills."

Pupils at Crow Orchard celebrate the school's latest Ofsted report Code NA

MP slams plans to base dementia care in Blackpool

Report by **Henry James**

ROSIE Cooper has hit out at plans to provide in–patient dementia care for the whole of Lancashire at a single site in Blackpool.

The West Lancs MP said it was unacceptable to expect dementia sufferers in the borough to travel up to 50 miles to access services.

Ms Cooper was responding to an announcement by the Joint Clinical Commissioning Groups' Specialist Dementia Committee on its recommendation for the Blackpool site to provide in–patient dementia care for the whole of Lancashire.

And she called on the West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to reject the recommendation.

She said: "I am absolutely and totally opposed to the recommendation for dementia in–patient care to be located in Blackpool.

" It never fails to amaze me how health bureaucrats never put the patients' needs first but rather what is the easiest option for them.

"The Blackpool site option was opposed during the original consultation at the beginning of the year. Despite this it was still the recommended site. Now after a second review and continuing opposition it still remains the recommended preferred site.

"For me, sending West Lancashire residents to Blackpool for dementia care is simply not an option and will never be accepted.

"West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group is responsible for deciding on these services. I am calling on them to reject this recommendation. I am calling on them to stand up and put West Lancashire dementia patients and their families first.

"There are other providers, such as Merseycare, who are significantly closer, that offer these services. Local residents wouldn't be forced to travel 50 miles to get to the unit.

"Imagine trying to visit a loved one in Blackpool using public transport. This decision is just farcical and not one I support in any way, shape or form.

"I always understood that West Lancashire doctors had decided to go it alone as a CCG in order to protect local health services and patient interests. This is an occasion when they need to stand–up and be counted.

"My message is clear, the CCG should say NO to the Blackpool site."

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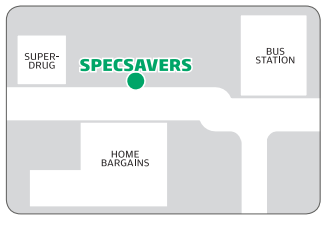

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MP backs end–of–life care campaign

Report by **Henry James**

ROSIE Cooper has given her support to a charity's campaign for people with life–limiting conditions to be able to choose how and where they are cared for at the end of their lives.

She was among more than 170 guests – including care and support minister, Norman Lamb and shadow health secretary, Andy Burnham – invited to join national health and social care charity Sue Ryder at an event to celebrate its diamond anniversary and to launch its Dying Isn't Working campaign.

The West Lancs MP commented: "People with life–limiting conditions and their families are looking to be treated with care, dignity and humanity during this difficult time. This is exactly what they get through the Sue Ryder hospices across the country.

"From the doctors to nurses to care staff patients receive the care and emotional support they need and deserve.

"It is also important to recognise the invaluable contribution from the team of volunteers – everyone

Rosie Cooper is supporting the Sue Ryder campaign Code NA

working together to ensure good–quality end–of–life care in which the patient come first."

Launching the campaign, Sue Ryder chief executive, Paul Woodward, said: "After 65 years since the establishment of the NHS people still have unequal access to quality end–of–life care – your diagnosis, where you live, or who your doctor is shouldn't pre–determine whether or not you have a 'good' death.

Barriers

"It is totally unacceptable that individuals and their families remain unsupported at the most life–changing and emotionally challenging time. We want to change that.

"Everyone should be able to choose the care that they want at the end of their life. Our campaign is calling for fair and equal access to end–of–life care that enables people to choose the care they want that is tailored to their needs and wishes."

The Dying Isn't Working campaign is based on evidence from the charity's recent reports, Ways and Means, looking at barriers to accessing end–of–life care, and A Time and a Place, exploring what people want at end of life.

The original polling conducted for A Time and a Place highlights that while 62% of people said they wanted to die at home and 78% said pain relief was a top priority for them, only 27% felt that home was a place where they could be pain–free during their final days.

These findings show that rather than making positive choices about end of life care, people would make unacceptable 'trade–offs' between dying in the place of their choice or receiving the care they want.

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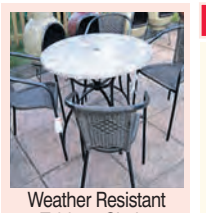
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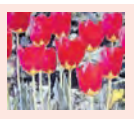
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Detectives in renewed appeal to track down knife–wielding gang

Search for robbers goes on

Report by **Henry James**

POLICE have made a fresh appeal for information to track down knife–wielding robbers who left staff at a convenience store traumatised following a late–night raid.

The six–strong gang struck at McColl's on Lyndhurst, Skelmersdale just before 11pm on Thursday, June 13.

The men, all wearing dark clothing with hoods and with their faces covered, entered the store brandishing knives.

They pushed a shop assistant and stole a safe, cash from the till and some cigarettes before escaping on foot.

CCTV images from the incident have been released and although they offer few clues to the robbers' identities, officers hope they might help to jog memories of anyone who might have seen someone acting suspiciously in the area at the time.

Detective Constable Martin Hulme said: "It's been more than three months since the robbery and although we have followed up a number of enquiries we have yet to identify the people responsible for this crime.

"We are committed to bringing whoever is responsible to justice; if anybody can identify the men

One of CCTV images of released by detecitves showing one of the robbers Code NA

captured on CCTV I would urge them to contact police.

"The staff members who were on duty that evening are still traumatised by the incident and I would ask anyone who has any information that may assist our investigation to come forward."

One of the offenders is described as wearing a black jacket with a logo on the chest and sleeve, as well as a pair of gloves which may be North Face or Adidas.

Another appeared to be wearing a shiny tracksuit top (possibly Adidas) under a black body–warmer.

A third man appeared to be wearing a coat with distinctive blue cords hanging down, as well as some sort of red covering over his face.

One of the other offenders was possibly wearing a North Face jacket with a fur–lined hood.

Anybody with any information can contact police on 101, quoting log reference number 1636 of June 13.

Alternatively you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or on–line at Crimestoppers–uk.org. No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not have to go to court.

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The Bowmen of Skelmersdale Code NA

Chance to arrow in on archery skills

Report by **Henry James**

BUDDING Robin Hoods are being invited to take a bow with a local archery club.

The Bowmen of Skelmersdale are holding a beginners' archery course for people keen to test their skills with a bow and arrow

The course will run over three Tuesday evenings, from 7 to 9pm, starting on October 1 and continuing on October 15 and 22 and places are limited.

Those who take part will be able to use the club's equipment and will receive expert tuition.

At the end of the course those successfully completing it will be awarded a certificate.

Anyone from the age of eight upwards is invited to put their name down for the course but under–16s will require a parent or guardian to attend with them.

The club are also running a competition offering one lucky person a place on the next beginners' course.

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Advice on how to avoid 'flash for cash' scams

Report by **Tom Martin**

Charity's tips to foil the fraudsters

MOTORISTS are to be offered advice by a road safety charity on how to avoid so–called 'flash for cash' scams.

The Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM), which aims to raise awareness of the problem, has outlined tips which drivers can follow to avoid falling victim to fraudsters.

The scam involves the scammer offering another driver the right of way at a junction or turning but then deliberately crashing into the other car with the intention of claiming for damage and/or injuries on the innocent driver's insurance.

IAM chief examiner, Peter Rodger, said: "Flash for cash scams are costing millions of pounds through our insurance premiums and some are so reckless that they risk lives.

"You should make sure you drive carefully to minimise your chances of having to deal with a collision."

The charity urges drivers who are 'flashed' to go by another road–user to acknowledge them but to refuse to go until the road is completely clear.

They say it is important to look ahead and anticipate hazards so you are not 'cornered' into a crash you can't avoid.

The organisation, the UK's largest independent road safety charity, also offers advice if you find yourself involved in a crash that you can't avoid.

Mr Rodger added: "Collisions are stressful and emotionally draining but it's important to be prepared in case you are involved in one."

If you suspect that you are a victim of a scam, don't confront the suspected scammer directly at the scene but try and keep careful and accurate notes.

Try to take pictures of any damage to the vehicles involved and remember a description of the driver.

If you need the emergency services, call 999 and describe the incident in detail.

Above all else, try to remain calm and don't refuse to swap details as you will have to do this whatever happens.

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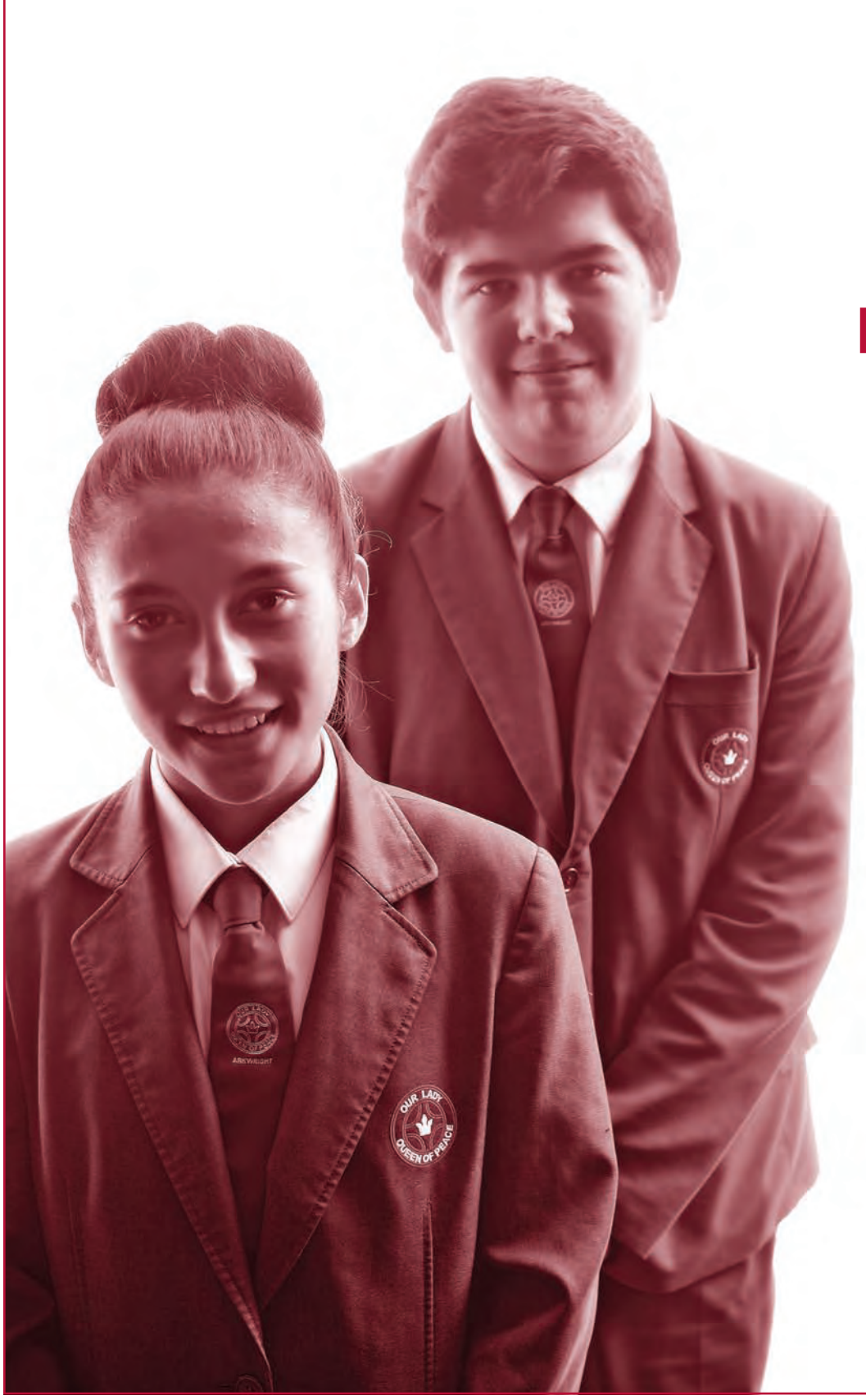

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Two dreadful experiences at Southport Hospital

I would like to back up the letter printed in your paper from A James of Formby (Crisis at Southport A&E Is No Exaggeration.)

Despite having had marvellous life–saving treatment from Southport Hospital in the past I have found my last two admissions quite dreadful.

My first one was waiting to be admitted into a ward, lying awake in a noisy A&E department until 4am.

When I was admitted the ward had dementia patients in cot–type beds shouting and trying to get out, which was distressing to witness.

I was tawake all day in the noisy ward. Eventually one patient (who didn't have dementia) was moved because she disturbed the other patients with her noisy chatter, as did her visitors with their happy exuberance at visiting time!

There was one nurse only who cared and I chatted to her, telling her how I felt. Tears began to fall and 24 hours after admission I wanted to leave. I managed one more day, still unable to sleep because of the noise and by teatime, I decided to discharge myself but this became a lengthy process, which culminated in me being talked back into going onto another ward which was quieter.

When I got back up there I was 'escorted' by two nurses – but the bed had gone! I asked for a wheelchair to put my belongings in and I turned back to see a deceased person being wheeled to the mortuary, his head and shoulders uncovered – what a disgrace, I will never forget this sight.

Recently I was quite poorly and my niece advised me to ring an ambulance but I really didn't want to.

The paramedics did some tests and advised that I go in so I went in as an emergency patient, bypassing the queue in A&E and I was stuck in a bed with the cot sides put up.

An hour later blood tests were taken and I was advised to wait one and a half hours for the result.

During this time drunks were wandering around, the police were called and a guy who had had his throat slashed wouldn't stay in his cubicle and security were called.

I asked for a blanket as I was cold but I did not get one until I buzzed again after a long wait.

I was in the cubicle feeling very alone and vulnerable for three and a half hours – no one checked on me and I felt more vulnerable there than at home.

Again, I discharged myself – I think it is ridiculous that I felt safer walking out of the hospital to a taxi at 4am and travelling home than I did as a patient.

I pray that I am never admitted there again as they have no time to actually care.

John Marshall, Southport

Disability and old age don't go away at certain times of day!

I read with disgust the article regarding the disabled lady who was refused access on the bus because her pass was not viable until 9.30am (Champion, August 28).

Do the bus companies not realise that people are not just disabled or senior citizens at certain times of the day?

No–one asks to be disabled; nor does anyone want to get old, but that's life.

I have a pass as I am over 60 myself and other people have boarded the bus at Birch Green to go to the Concourse but have been issued with a ticket for Liverpool. A friend of mine has boarded the bus at the Monument to go to Westhead but the ticket issued is for Southport, that is very rarely publicised.

As regards the driver's comments, I would like to add that disabled people are not 'types', they are people just like him. His remarks are offensive to all disabled people.

The majority of senior citizens who have passes have worked from the age of 15 to 60. Yes, we receive a pension but we paid National Insurance for that.

Maybe when he retires he may realise how important a bus pass is, as a pension for disabled and senior citizens is not a great deal of money.

Carol Smith, details supplied.

PICTURE of the week

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A quick word in your ear

Traffic Bear and Bentley Bear mascots who put in an appearance last Sunday when members of Sporting Bears Motor Club staged their 'Dream Ride' at the Aintree Circuit.

The event gives disadvantaged youngsters the chance ride as passengers in a range of supercars.

Photograph by Martyn Snape.

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Group aims to reflect needs of patients

As a small group of volunteers we have been set up by Hall Green Surgery, Up Holland, to act as representatives of patients of the surgery.

Our aim, along with the doctors and practice management and staff, is to work together to improve the services we feel passionately about by reflecting the needs of the patient population.

We are currently undertaking a small campaign to raise awareness about the group to help us to really reflect patients. As part of this some members of the group are hoping to be present in the foyer of the Up Holland library on Thursday, September 19 from 2 to 4pm to explain more about the group and gain feedback from patients.

Anyone with any feedback who is unable to meet us on the day are encouraged to write to the practice manager so the group can discuss these and hopefully continue to represent patients.

The Patient Participation Group represents patients as a whole group and so 'personal issues' cannot be discussed. We look forward to meeting some fellow patients at the library.

The Patient Participation Group, Hall Green Surgery, Up Holland

Rail link plan just pie in the sky

With regards to Stephen Bennett's letter (Champion, September 4) telling of an article he had read in a monthly railway magazine about the possibility of a rail link between Ormskirk and Skelmersdale with the re–laying of lines on the old trackbed between the two towns.

Although this may seem a good idea, in reality it would mean the demolition of quite a few homes in the village of Westhead, plus many complications when the lines entered the two towns.

This route would also lead to confrontation with the local bus company, Arriva, whose services in the area are mainly between the two towns and almost running parallel with the old trackbed. A route running in from the present Kirkby–to–Wigan line would appear to be the preferred route as the loss of properties would be at a minimum and the route would not clash with any bus services provided by Arriva.

In conclusion it must be said that the prospect of a railway service into Skelmersdale is still only a bunch of words and, like the new town centre planned for the town, is still nothing more than pie in the sky.

William Clarke,
By email

Policing of arms sales better than military action

Re: Syria.

Instead of considering military action why don't we, as a country, make absolutely sure that none of these weapons are made here and then sold on to fuel wars?

If it means close policing of the arms manufacturers, then it's not before time.

Judy Ingman,
Aughton

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Call for in–depth career guidance for county's youth

YOUNG people need access to in–depth career guidance to avoid being left behind, according to the Financial and Legal Skills Partnership (FLSP).

Liz Field of the FLSP, which supports developing the financial and legal service, said: "For young people to realise their future potential in sustainable employment we must make sure they can easily access impartial careers advice both in schools and through industry sectors.

"The correct advice, given at the right time, can open many doors for young people in Lancashire who may struggle to find ways into work beside traditional university routes.

"Young people have concerns about their futures. We must make sure they can access all the tools and quality information they need to take the right steps for a rewarding career.

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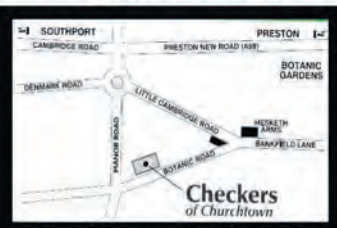

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Edge Hill to host free social work lectures

Report by **Henry James**

EXPERTS in the social work sector will debate the many challenges facing the profession in a series of free public lectures at Edge Hill University.

Launching on Thursday, September 19, the programme brings together a number of people in the field, including the two newly–appointed chief social workers for England and Wales.

Steve Hothersall, head of social work education at Edge Hill, said: "Social work as a profession continues to face many challenges in the 21st century as it strives to promote well–being and enhance welfare in a socio–political climate driven by economics and individualism.

"Following Eileen Munro's 2011 study of child protection after the death of Baby P, the need for changes in the sector is apparent.

"Social work in today's society is possibly more crucial than ever and it is important to provide opportunities for everyone to be involved in debates about social work and society that affect all of us at some level or another.

""I'm delighted that we are leading the way by putting on this series of guest lectures."

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In May this year, the government announced the appointment of Lyn Romeo as the new champion for adult social work and Isabelle Trowler for children's services.

Lyn has more than 35 years of social work practice and is currently assistant director of adult social care and joint commissioning at the London Borough of Camden.

She aims to boost the profile of adult social work, support social workers in improving the quality of their practice and to make sure social workers can support the people they work with to achieve the outcomes they want for themselves. She will be guest of honour at the university on December 12, 2013.

Isabelle is a highly–respected, experienced children's social worker and her work has been described by the Department for Education as 'transforming children's services in Hackney'. She will be visiting the university on January 30 2014.

To hear some of the profession's leading thinkers and writers discuss contemporary and often contested areas of social work, visit the website www.ehu.ac.uk/socialworklectures.

All lectures are free and start at 6.30pm.

Young jobseekers urged to 'be bold'

THE founder of a company that provides mobile and ecommerce solutions has urged young people looking for work to "be bold" to get a job.

Dan Wagner, founder and chief executive of Powa Technologies, which has just announced that it's creating 450 new jobs nationwide, said: "Young people from Lancashire should be fearless and bold and seek out companies which inspire and excite them. We have 450 jobs to fill as we expand our operations in the UK and around the world."

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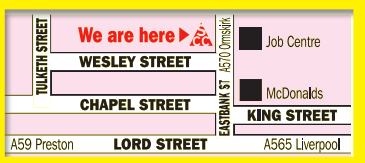

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Merseyrail seeks total booze ban

Report by **Holly Rummens**

A BLANKET booze ban could soon be in place on the entire Merseyrail network.

Currently, under existing railway bylaws, people who are judged to be in an unfit state of intoxication can be removed from the railway.

In addition, over the Christmas period – from mid–November through to Christmas Eve – an alcohol ban is in place across five underground stations on the Merseyrail network.

However, company officials are now seeking to extend the ban to the whole of the network all year round.

They have written to the Department for Transport to register a request to prevent the consumption of alcohol throughout the whole year and are hoping to have the ban in place by the end of January.

During the financial year 2012–2013 there was a 58 per cent fall in alcohol–related incidents on the underground stations compared with a 26 per cent decrease the year before.

Merseyrail's safety and assurance director, David Foster, said: "It is very encouraging that such accidents are coming down, and while we urge everyone to use the Merseyrail network, we will not allow people into stations and trains if they are clearly under the influence of alcohol."

This policy is supported by a publicity campaign, comprising internet banners, posters in trains and on stations and leaflet hand–outs.

Charity tackles outdoor challenge

CLIMBING, archery and canoeing were among the acitvities enjoyed by a group of young adults with learning disabilities, thanks to the efforts of a local charity and support by a building society.

The fun day out at Rock and River Outdoor Pursuits in Mawdesley was organised by Sporting Challenge and funded by Skipton Building Society.

Sporting Challenge was set up by a group of concerned parents and carers in West Lancs to give people with learning disabilities the opportunity to participate in different sporting activities and encourage them to improve their health and well–being.

Trustee, Edward McCarthy, said: "The group had a very exciting day at Rock and River with the help of the Skipton Building Society. The activities were great fun and also good for confidence–building. Everyone pushed themselves to the limit."

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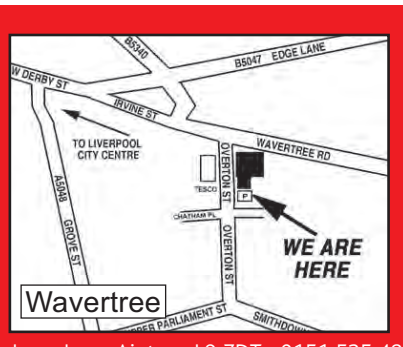

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Motorists in call for warning signs on roads

Report by **Holly Rummens**

DO we need road signs alerting motorists to the dangers posed by deer? That's the question Champion readers are asking after sightings of the creatures on roads in the area.

The call for the signs has been prompted by recent incidents in which drivers have reported deer nearly hitting their vehicles, leaving them shaken up by the experience.

Several readers have contacted the Champion to tell us they have spotted deer running out into the middle of the road, while some have told of having to swerve around them to prevent accidents.

Currently no warning signs are in place around the woodland area of West Lancashire to alert drivers to the presence of wild deer, mainly due to the fact that their appearances are rare.

But some motorists feel warning signs should be erected to make them aware of their presence in the area as these could help to avert a major accident.

One driver told us he was making his way home in the early evening when two deer appeared suddenly in Holmeswood, leaping over a hedge and darting across the main road before disappearing into woodland.

"It really shook me up to be honest. They were running at some speed across a farmer's field and then bounded over the hedge onto the road. Had I been a couple of moments earlier, I would have hit them and I dread to think about the consequences had that happened. These are big animals and would have caused serious harm.

Warning deer sign: Should we have them on West Lancs roads? Code NA

"Signs should definitely be put in place in that area."

Alan Wright, from Lancashire Wildlife Trust, said: "It's not a strange thing to see deer about in urban areas, especially during the winter months as it is warmer for them.

"They are most commonly seen around Formby woodland area and have also been frequently sighted around certain parts of West Lancashire. They are often seen as part of a herd and not so long ago around 30 deer were spotted near the Burscough Bridge.

"Although it's not common for motorists to hit road deer it does happen on occasions and the Wildlife Trust would fully agree on the need to put warning signs in place to alert drivers, especially in areas where they are frequently seen."

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County's pothole pledge

Report by **Henry James**

WHEN it comes to potholes county highways chiefs say they are delivering the best service they can with available funds.

The claim comes in response to a call from road safety charity the Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM) for councils to commit to long–term funding to see progress with what it called 'the UK's pothole crises.'

The IAM recently surveyed local highway authorities to chart progress on implementing the key recommendations for the Pothole Review 12 months on. Transport Minister Norman Baker MP had announced the Pothole Review to develop best practice in dealing with potholes.

Results show that councils are adopting new policies and are being much more open about how and when they will fill in potholes.

Forty–seven per cent of councils surveyed said that had published a report giving details on their repair policy, 59 per cent of councils said that now they adopt a 'prevention is better than cure' approach and 71 per cent say that permanent repairs are their first choice when dealing with damaged roads.

Bosses at Lancashire County Council have said one of their top priorities is to "quickly repair" potholes which prevent a risk to traffic or pedestrians and added they now fix more potholes per week.

PRIORITIES

Phil Barrett, director of Lancashire County Council Highway Services, said: "We're currently reviewing the way we maintain roads and respond to reports of potholes to make sure we're delivering the best service we can with the funding available.

"One of our top priorities is to quickly repair potholes which present a risk to traffic or pedestrians, and we're meeting our own target to repair more than 90 per cent of those found by our inspectors or reported by members of the public within 30 days, though most are fixed much more quickly.

"The county council has now adopted a 'first fix' policy, which means our highways teams make a permanent repair on the first visit to a pothole if they can, although they do sometimes have to make a temporary repair in bad weather or if traffic management is needed to do the full job safely.

"Each repair team also now fixes more potholes per week as we've moved from a paper–based briefing system to a map–based system which cuts down on travelling time between each job.

"We're aware of the need to ensure a balance between repairs and long term prevention, and continue to invest in new surfaces and treatments to make existing surfaces last longer as well as day–to–day repairs."

IAM chief executive, Simon Best,said: "It's probably too early to say that the Pothole Review has been a total success, but the early indications are mostly positive. Communication with drivers and riders has improved and permanent repairs are now being used in place of constant patching."

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'Famous' old boy among visitors to historic military photo display

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A DISPLAY of historic photos featuring local soldiers in conflicts dating from the Boer wars to the present day in locations around the world attracted a host of interested visitors – including a party of young wedding guests from Ireland and a local ex–serviceman with a unique claim to 'fame' and an unusual nickname!

The display, the second at Morrison's supermarket in Ormskirk this year, was organised by The Friendly Loyals veterans group, made up of former members of The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

Former Lance Corporal Malcolm Vickers, one of the veterans manning the stand, was surprised but delighted to meet a man about whom he had heard but never met.

Alan Jones from Ormskirk had the distinction of being the last member of The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment to be posted to the conflict in Malaya in 1960.

And Malcolm recalled hearing Alan's name being mentioned around the same time he was joining up.

He said: "I'd never met Alan but the reason I remember him is because he was nicknamed Chinachgook!"

This was a reference to the title character of the classic 19th century book by James Fennimore Cooper, The Last of The Mohicans.

Mr Jones, who still lives in Ormskirk, was the last soldier in the last detachment from the regiment to be posted to the emergency in Malaya in November, 1960.

Malcolm Vickers, left, with Alan Jones
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The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment was formed in 1881 before becoming The Loyal Regiment, known locally as The Loyals, in 1921.

The regiment is now known as The Duke Of Lancaster's Regiment and still serves across the world including in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Also among the interested visitors to the stand were Laura Montgomery and Deborah Wilkinson.

The pair, who were among a group of 23 ladies over from County Tyrone for a wedding in Ormskirk, both had relatives in the various regiments over the years.

Jane Anglesey, the general manager for Morrisons, said: "This historic photo display always goes down very well with our shoppers and they are always welcome to Ormskirk."

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Air show on the airwaves!

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

THIS year's Southport Air Show will have its own dedicated radio station.

Broadcast on 87.7FM, Southport Air Show radio will bring up–to–date traffic and travel news, pilot interviews, music and commentary on the aircraft appearing at the show on Saturdayand Sunday, September 14 and 15.

Visitors to the show will be able to tune in from a 10–mile radius of Southport seafront.

Phil Johnson, a former presenter on Dune FM, will broadcast on both days.

Flying times are also now available on the visitsouthport website and detail of when the likes of the Red Arrows, Spitfire, and Typhoon should take to the skies. These times are all subject to change.

This year a Southport Air Show app is also available to download. This lets customers browse and read about all the planes that are attending, check out the flying times, book tickets and updates on traffic news. This can be downloaded via the Apple app store or Google Play.

As well as the fantastic air displays there is even more this year taking place on the ground appealing to people of all ages.

Councillor Ian Maher, Sefton Council's cabinet member for regeneration and environment, said: "The Southport Air Show is really getting ready to take off and this year so much information can be quickly gathered about it.

"From its own dedicated radio station to the special app, visitors to the show can access and listen to traffic updates, learn about the planes and view the flying times in an instant.

"Normal travelling times into the resort will change as roads and motorways are usually extremely busy so please bear this in mind when heading to the event.

"We are advising people to get there as early as possible and make it a full day to remember."

For tickets and information on the Southport Air Show log on to www.visitsouthport.com and tune in to 87.7FM on September 14/15.

Bomber could be missing

THE popular Vulcan Bomber may be missing from this year's Southport Air Show line–up after it was forced to pull out of a recent flight with a serious fuel leak.

The bomber, originally commissioned by the RAF in 1956, is a regular sight at shows up and down the country and over the last few years has been a hit with spectators at the Southport spectacle.

However the Vulcan was grounded on September 1 after engineers discovered a serious fuel leak in one of the plane's tanks. All immediate flights were then postponed for safety reasons.

A statement posted on the Vulcan's official facebook page read: "Due to a fuel leak from one of the Vulcan's tanks, flight has had to be cancelled for safety reasons."

The Vulcan had been in the air only a day before (August 31) performing for crowds at the Rhyl Air Show before the defect was discovered.

Since the findings there has been no follow up announcement to confirm whether or not the Vulcan will be fit to fly in time for the Southport show where it is scheduled to round off the two–day spectacular as the final flight on Sunday at 4pm.

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Catering company serve up 'TV dinners'

Report by **Henry James**

A LOCAL businessman and his staff have been rubbing shoulders with TV personalties, including former Coronation Street actress Helen Flanagan, celebrity chef Rustie Lee and The Only Way Is Essex actor, James Argent, after providing the catering on a new Channel 5 show.

Staff from GWF Catering in Ormskirk, worked on Celebrity Super Spa, which was filmed in Liverpool city centre, providing catering for the cast, crew and extras for five weeks in the Bling Bling Building, Herbert's hairdressing salon.

Joe Fay, 44, who owns the business, said: "We often get enquiries to cater for TV companies and have worked for Gok Wan, Hollyoaks and numerous adverts, but this is the biggest job so far.

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"Since then I have been asked to work for Channel 5, Hollyoaks and have the potential of more work for ITV.

"I was approached by ITV in June to quote for the filming. We created a Pop Up Cafe and it became the base for the team of 50 people daily.

"We provided meals such as fillet of beef stroganoff with wild rice, various pastas, curries, and lots of cold food and cakes.

"The experience was fantastic and one of my staff, Deniece, has even become an extra on the show."

GWF catering has 10 employees and the company caters from Brookes Bistro, in Aughton Street, Ormskirk.

The Only Way Is Essex star James 'Arg' Argent, who is appearing on Celebrity Super Spa, with Joe's daughter Gracie
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Joe, who has lived in Aughton for nearly 30 years, added: "GWF catering has been going for four years now and I have owned Brookes Bistro for 18 months."

Celebrity Super Spa will be screened this month and it will follow celebrities at they are taught how to preen and pamper by beauty expert Herbert Howe.

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Parents urged to apply now for 2014 school places

Report by **Henry James**

PARENTS in Lancashire are being reminded that they can apply now for school places for their children in 2014.

And county chiefs are urging them to apply sooner rather than later to avoid possible disapointment.

Applications opened on Monday, September 2 and the closing dates are Thursday, October 31 for secondary schools and January 15 next year for primary schools.

The form can be found at www.lancashire.gov.uk and by searching school admissions.

Last year, 85% of parents found applying online was the easiest way to request a primary school place, and 65% of those applying for a secondary place.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, Lancashire's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "More and more parents are using the online option as a quick and easy way to apply for school places, it's become really popular.

"What is important is applying on time. Each year there are late applications and they cannot be considered at the same time as those which come in on time, so I'm encouraging parents not to leave it till the last minute.

"Don't forget that having a child at school does not automatically mean that his or her younger sibling will be allocated a place – you must still apply.

"I know how important it is to families to feel they have the right school for their child, so we're doing everything we can to help, especially at present when the rising birthrate means that places are tight in some areas.

"I'd like to reassure parents, however, that officers within the county council are working hard to ensure that there is adequate provision of school places in areas of need."

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Consultant to speak at Breathe Easy meeting

SOUTHPORT Hospital respiratory consultant, Dr S. Youguin will be guest speaker at the next meeting of the West Lancs and Southport Breathe Easy Group on Monday, September 16.

This will be held at Green Lane Guide HQ, Ormskirk starting at 11.15am.

There is free parking nearby and free tea and coffee will be served first prior to Dr Youguin beginning his talk at about 11.30am.

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It's amazing how holiday 'mode' transforms strangers into friends

THERE'S nowt so queer as folks and that holds true in a very positive way sometimes.

Because I discovered a whole new side to people while I was enjoying my boating holiday in Norfolk recently – a side you see but rarely in 'real' life.

I know there are exceptions, but generally speaking many people go from day to day for years hardly doing more than passing the time of day with their neighbours, while the ever–present motor car means there's precious little time to actually talk to anybody when you're out of the house but not at work.

But clamber aboard a boat – or, I suspect, your caravan or set up your tent – and everything and everybody seems to change.

This was brought home to me when I was chatting to a woman from another boat moored a little distance from 'Manxman' and a first–time holidaymaker on the Broads. She said she had been amazed at how helpful everyone had been and how nice it was actually to talk to different people from all kinds of backgrounds.

I suppose one advantage of casually meeting different people every day – and occasionally meeting them by chance in another place on a different day – is that you never really have the chance to be contentious or find out what, to you, might be horrible habits or gross opinions.

It really is a case of being offered a packet of sugar if you mention you've run short and had asked where the nearest shop might be.

And if you spot a boat obviously in trouble on the river, you ask if you can help. Partly this is probably because if the boot was on the other foot you'd hope someone would do the same for you, but it doesn't happen when you spot a broken down car by the roadside, does it?

Mind you, even in the bucolic setting of the river, the mobile phone has rather spoiled it. Only a few years ago, hardly a holiday went by without 'Manxman' towing some broken down boat to a boatyard – and in more than one case over the years suffering that indignity ourselves. And when it does happen to you, you're not only relieved but genuinely grateful that someone cared enough to help you out.

Now, most often the reply is that they have already phoned for help, so 'thanks, but no thanks'. Which is a pity because we formed a lasting friendship with a couple whose craft had broken down and which we towed quite a distance over, as it turned out, two days. And there are others we've helped who still wave enthusiastically whenever we pass on the river.

I know you can strike up friendships with people you meet in your hotel on holiday. But somehow I don't think you can quite experience the camaraderie of getting to know, if only briefly, all sorts of folk who then will remember you again.

This holiday for instance, a gent approached me and asked: "Did you get it fixed then?" It took a few seconds to recall that the last time I had spoken to him was miles and days back when my brother was repairing our paintwork caused by an errant dinghy.

But this chap, that I didn't know from Adam, remembered – and cared.

Nice that.

It's just a pity that I'm back to the grind, where the only people generally who talk casually to me on the streets are other dog owners exercising their pets.

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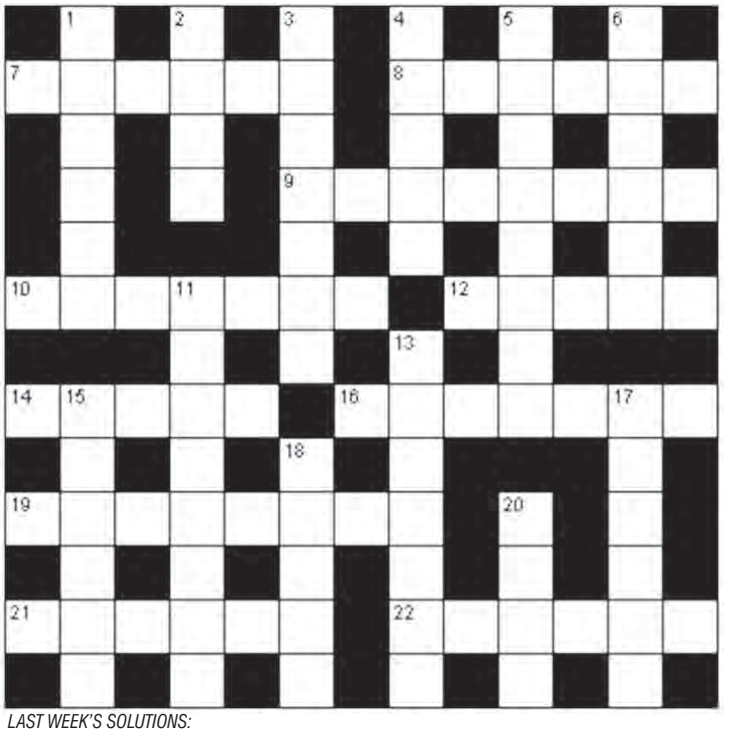

ACROSS

7. Fictional death bringer (6)
8. A group of fish (6)
9. Tiny pincers (8)
10. Incapable of functioning (7)
12. Clay disc shooting (5)
14. A type of trap (5)
16. Friends with a hovering rug (7)
19. Ancient, human-made underground passageway (8)
21. Surges of water on land (6)
22. Surrounded by disorderly crowd (6)

DOWN

1. Neuron fibres (6)
2. Of heroic or impressive proportions (4)
3. Demonstration of unhappiness (7)
4. Useful or valuable quality (5)
5. Expert (at computers) (5,3)
6. Norma Jeane Baker stage surname (6)
11. Retriever dog (8)
13. Sweet home... (7)
15. A person who defines the future (6)
17. Pictures (6)
18. Near to the sea (5)
20. Deep red mineral (4)

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Officers from across the Force got involved including Assistant Chief Constable Mark Bates, Assistant Chief Constable Peter White, Director of Resources Ian Cosh as well as Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Ibrahim Master.

A total of £300 was raised and will now be given to the charity.

PC Kay Stephenson said: "The target was to ride across the country from Southport to Hull, which we initially estimated would take around 12 or 13 hours.

"However we underestimated that competitiveness of the riders who managed to ride to Hull by 3pm and carried on into the evening until they made it half way to Amsterdam.

"Although the aim of the day was always about covering the distance and not meant to be a competition, the participants showed real competitive spirit.

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In most cases, internet based companies charge roughly what a qualified solicitor would do to fill in the court forms. A local firm of solicitors, particularly a Lexcel accredited firm such as my firm, will offer you a bespoke service and you will then have the opportunity of actually speaking to the person handling your divorce and meeting them face to face.

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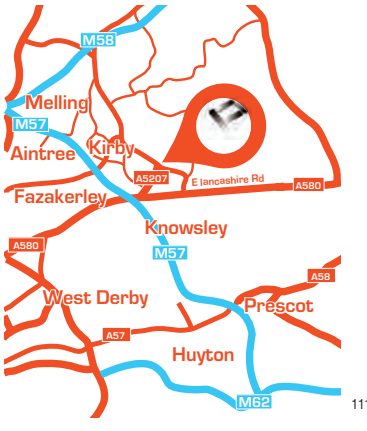

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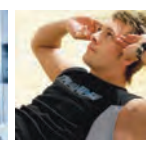

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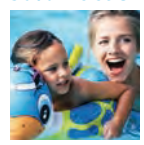

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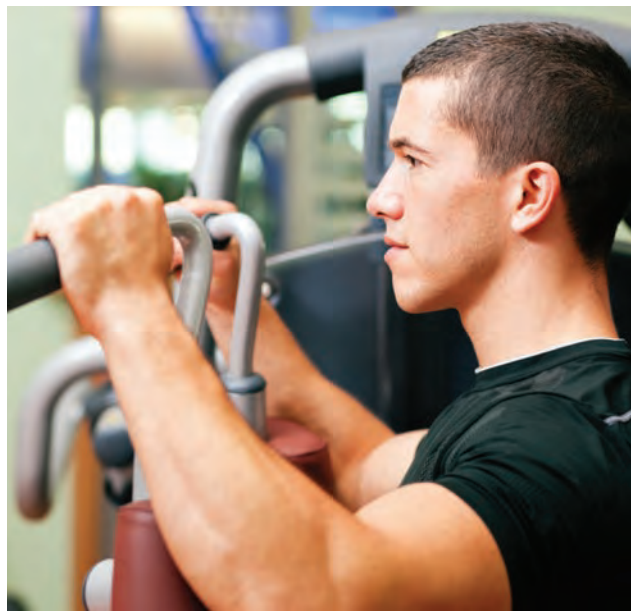

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PEOPLE are being invited to join in free health walks in two of the borough's parks.

The borough council staff are leading the walks in Ormskirk and Burscough every week and they are suitable for beginners and those returning to exercise.

Organisers of the walks have said a friendly welcome awaits all people taking part. They have added it is a chance to get some fresh air, meet new people, and improve and share your knowledge of the area.

All walks last for an hour and there's no need to book – just turn up and enjoy the exercise. New walkers will be required to complete a short medical form prior to the first walk.

Councillor David Sudworth, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for health and leisure, said: "People taking part in the health walks are finding that they are a very enjoyable way of getting regular exercise – so why not come along and join in?"

The Burscough Health Walk takes place every Tuesday between 10 and 11am. Starting point for each walk is the Richmond Park Bowling Pavilion, off Junction Lane, Burscough, L40 2XY.

Ormskirk Health Walks are on Wednesdays between 1 and 2pm. Walkers should meet at the Coronation Park Bowling Pavilion, Ormskirk, L39 3BY.

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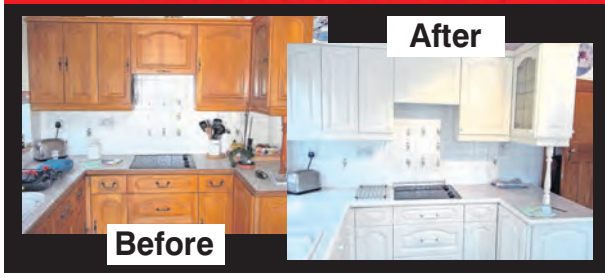

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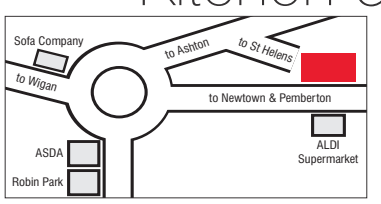

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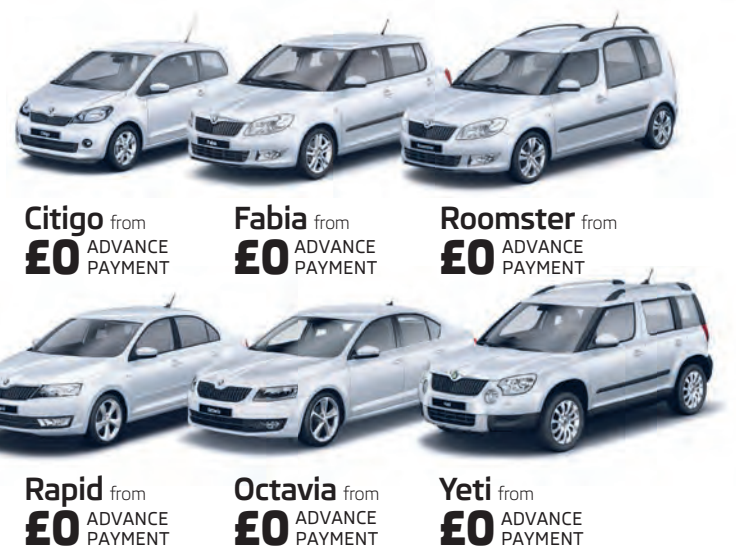

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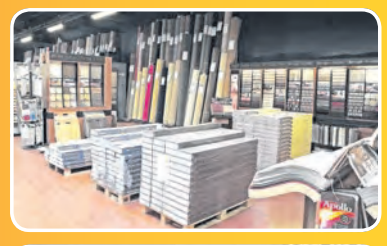

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Boost for hospice

Match in memory of Hillsborough mum will help local charity

Report by Holly Rummens

A LOCAL charity that provides support and care for people from West Lancs with serious illnesses is set to benefit from an 'international' football match in memory of Hillsborough campaigner, Anne Williams.

Queenscourt Hospice will be one of two charities to benefit from the game between Scouse Reds and Norwegian Wools to be held at Liverpool County FA, Walton Hall Park on Sunday, September 22.

It is a re–run of one played in May 2009 that was followed by a fundraising event which raised more than £4,500 for the Hope for Hillsborough campaign.

Organisers, Jason Morland, Phil Belger and Olav Rosvold, decided to arrange the re–match when Anne lost her brave battle against cancer in April – just months after she had triumped in another battle, to have the accidental death Hillsborough inquest verdicts overturned.

There will be a concert after the match at the Taxi Club on Walton Hall Avenue where there will be auctions and raffles.

All money raised will be shared between the hospice in Town Lane, Southport, where Anne was cared for during her illness, and Hope For Hillsborough.

Jason Morland said: "We got to know some Norwegian lads down the years when they'd been over for the match and decided one day to have a charity match to raise funds for Hillsborough.

"None of us actually knew Anne at the time but we chose her group because she seemed to be on her own at that point and she turned up on the day to watch the match and present the trophies at the end which we were all made up about.

"She gave the most emotional and inspirational speech afterwards. I remember her repeatedly saying 'You survivors are just as much victims of Hillsborough as me.'"

Fellow organiser, Phil added: "Anne told us what a lift the last match gave her and, while it is heartbreaking she's not with us any more, we're very proud to be able to do something like this to keep her memory alive."

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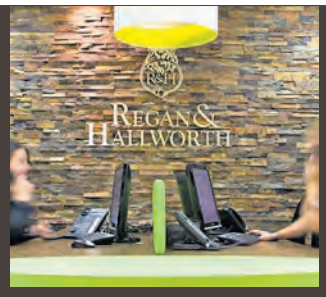

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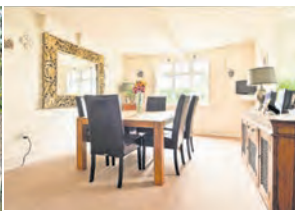

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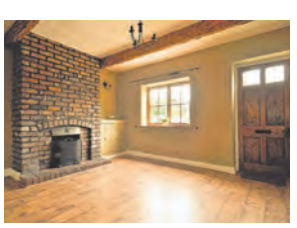

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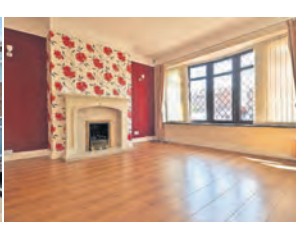

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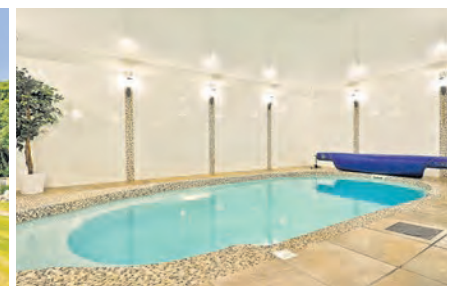

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THE Honda Goldwing Light Parade is set to return and light up the streets of Southport.

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The parade will start at The Royal Clifton Hotel at 7.30pm on Saturday, September 28 and travel along the Promenade, Leicester Street, Lord Street, Duke Street, Victoria Way before it ends at around 8.15pm.

A Static Light Display will then held in the hotel's car park at 8.30pm followed by awards for the best lit bikes at the Windsor Suite at 10pm.

There will also be the chance to view up to 100 Goldwing motorcycles from 10am to 4pm in Chapel Street precinct.

The Goldwingers had success during a similar event in 2012 when they raised over £1,200 for charity.

You can have your picture taken sitting on the vehicles for a small donation and this will be in aid of Queenscourt Hospice.

Club open their season with famous Bennett play

Report by **Ron Ellis**

SOUTHPORT Dramatic Club open their new season at The Little Theatre with Alan Bennett's celebrated autobiographical play, The Lady in a Van, which tells of the relationship between the playwright and an eccentric elderly lady who for 15 years lived in a van at the bottom of his garden in Camden Town and spoke regularly to the Virgin Mary.

Kathy Felton–Aksoy takes the role of the malodorous Miss Shepherd, made famous by Maggie Smith in the triumphant West End production, while Brendan Gillow and Ted Bullen play two Alan Bennetts, one young and taking part in the story and the older man looking back and commenting on the relationship.

Margaret Hodge makes a welcome return to the Little Theatre stage in a dual role, as Alan Bennett's mother ('Mam') and Miss Shepherd's doctor.

Guesting from the West End Players are

Alan Bennett Code NA

Simon Hawkins, as the sinister Underwood, and Nick Lloyd as Rufus. Ceri Watkins is Pauline, Nikki Ritchie a social worker and the other eight parts are shared between Peter Slater, Eddie Webster and Suzanne Gray.

Steve Pritchard has taken over as director due to the indisposition of Robin Hirsch.

The Lady in a Van runs from Friday, September 20 to Saturday, September 28 at 7.45pm each evening. Tickets from the Box Office on 01704 530521/530460.

Floyd sound to be recreated at theatre

UK Pink Floyd Experience Code NA

PINK Floyd fans are in for a treat later this month.

Southport Theatre plays host to one of the UK's top Tribute Bands – UK Pink Floyd Experience on Saturday, September 21 at 7.30pm.

The nine–piece outfit replicates the line up of the full live Pink Floyd touring band of the late 80's and 90's.

They use state–of–the–art sound and a spectacular light show, and the aim is to perfect the atmosphere of the great Pink Floyd in concert songs from Dark Side of The Moon through to Division Bell.

The nine band members are all seasoned musicians and include a choreographed and costumed three girl backing vocal section.

Lead vocalist and guitarist Paul Andrews fronts the band and has a voice that, it has been said, is remarkably similar to David Gilmour's. Paul has worked hard to perfect his vocal delivery aiming to replicate every nuance and intonation used by Mr Gilmour.

Paul is joined by David Power on bass and Mike Bollard on second guitar. Both David and Mike add their vocal talents to help create the big Floyd sound.

James Archer is on drums and percussion. The band is completed by Dave Woodfield on piano and keyboards, and founder member Neil Smallman on Hammond organ and keyboards.

More information at www.atgtickets/southport

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Celebration of change at Waterfront Arts Project

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

A NEW waterfront art exhibition in Southport is attracting people from far and wide.

'Metamorphosis' is the new exhibit which features a celebration of change at the promenade based gallery and has so far attracted hundreds of visitors to see what is on show.

Tony Wynne, project leader of Waterfront Arts Project, said he was delighted with the exhibit's recent popularity.

"The turnout and the interest people have shown in the exhibits has been wonderful.

"The waterfront arts collective is run by volunteers and exists on a shoe string budget but still we have welcomed more than 40,000 visitors to Southport since its inception in 2010 and it's a great way of showcasing our local talent and putting Southport on the cultural map."

Chair of Southport Area Committee Sue McGuire said: "Cultural art funding has been cut dramatically with provincial museums, theatres and art groups missing out.

"So we were delighted when Southport councillors from all parties agreed to provide funding for this project through the Southport Area Committee.

"Southport is a classic resort and exhibitions such as this, along with the opening of the Atkinson, will help us develop our town as a centre for arts and culture."

Cambridge ward councillor Pat Keith said: "I found the work diverse and varied with something to interest everyone.

"I was impressed by a grey wall–hanging, featuring a spectral presence with outstretched wings, part angel part human.

Project boss delighted at exhibition's popularity

Tony Wynne

"Another interesting work is the thought provoking three dimensional 'Holy Wars' which, on closer inspection, was constructed with tiny toy soldiers.

"I would urge people to go along to the waterfront."

Metamorphosis runs until October 6 and is open from 12pm Tuesday to Sunday. The exhibit can be found on the promenade between Genting Casino and the Ramada Hotel.

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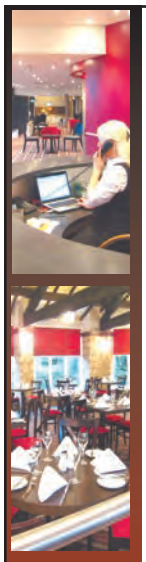

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Rest in peace
I love you
Denise
X X

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CLAYTON
Patricia
10th September 1993

20 years have come and gone,
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APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2013/0727/FUL Erection of two vertical axis wind turbines at Scarisbrick Marina, Southport Road, Scarisbrick.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Division, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI
Assistant Director Planning

Dated: 11th September 2013
PDNOT686

THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(COE LANE, TARLETON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
(No.2)ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle from proceeding over that length of Coe Lane, Tarleton, from its junction with A59 Windgate to its junction with Church Road/Plox Brow, Tarleton in the Borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: -

A59 Windgate – Church Road – Plox Brow – Coe Lane and vice versa.

Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.

The Police, Fire and Ambulance Services have been informed.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Tuesday 24 September 2013 until 1700 hours on Friday 27 September 2013, or until completion of the works within this period.

Paul Dunne, Public Realm Manager Preston and South Ribble
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(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) NOTICE 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle from proceeding over that length of New Lane Level Crossing, Burscough in the Borough of West Lancashire.

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The Police, Fire and Ambulance and Bus Services have been informed.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow engineering works on the level crossing to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative during the following dates and times:

Monday 16 September 2013 – Friday 20 September (00:25 – 06:05 daily)
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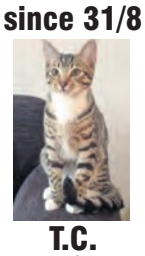

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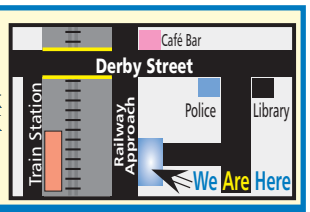

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My new Mondeo will make Rover proud...

Champ columnist David Simister has put his money where his mouth is

A FULL flotilla of electric windows, heated leather seats, cruise control, a heated front windscreen and a stereo that swallows six CDs at any given moment.

That's the sort of specification that would've made an early Lexus owner a little envious, and that's before I get to the electrically adjustable seats, the electric sunroof and air conditioning that leaves you cooler than Steve McQueen on a skiing trip.

It also comes with plenty in the way of mid–range whallop from beneath the bonnet, and a dynamism that'll make a BMW owner blush. Welcome to the club class world of the Ford Mondeo 2.0 Ghia X.

Specifically, the one I've just bought. For a grand. Why have I gone for a Blue Oval badged family saloon, particularly when I'm not a family man? Firstly, because the car that's been my everyday wheels of choice for the past three years – my Rover 214SEI – is approaching the end of its life as a useful commuting tool. It's been a fine companion and I've grown to love its easygoing vibe, its tasteful half leather seats and plastiwood trim, and its utter refusal to break down, even in a snowdrift in deepest Cumbria. But ever since my offices moved from Southport to Peterborough and my new place of residence became the outside lane of the A1, this £300, 17–year–old slice of Anglo–Japanese engineering has been operating beyond its brief.

What I really needed, I figured, was something with oomph sufficient to deal with all the motorway work I've been assigned of late – a task the Mondeo was born to tackle.

More importantly everyone I know who really knows their stuff on cars rates the Mondeo.

The Great British Public might have moved to the Nissan Juke at one end and the 3–Series BMW on the other, leaving the Ford favourite lingering in a sales figures no man's land, but every Mondeo has always demonstrated that family cars can be finely balanced things which revel in a good corner or two.

So was I right to opt for a Ford as the Rover's eventual successor? Is it a belting saloon car bargain? Or have I bought a 12–year–old, 108,000 mile breakdown catastophe just waiting to happen? Watch this space!

Read David's blog daily by visiting www.lifeoncars.blogspot.com

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03 Ford Fusion 2, in mineral blue metallic, service history, full MOT, new timing belt fitted, e/windows, c/locking, CD player £2195

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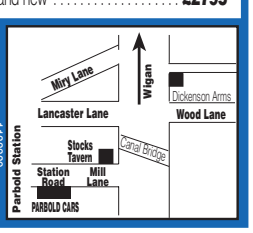

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Report by David Simister

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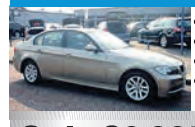

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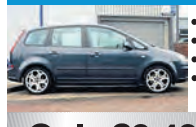

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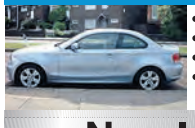

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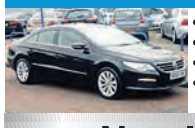

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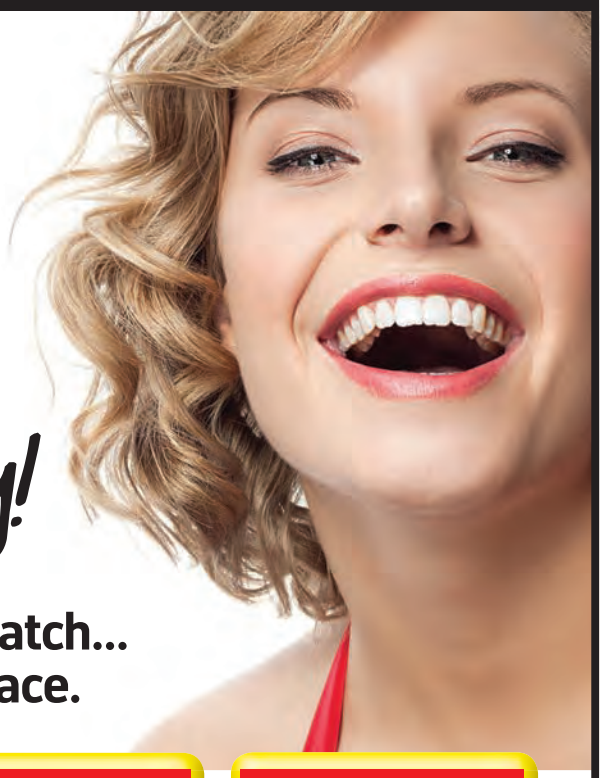

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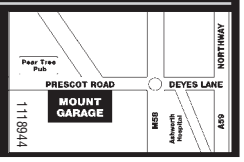

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Coaches to the Oval

ORMSKIRK CC have organised a coach for spectators for their T20 finals day at the Oval on Friday.

Ormskirk will play in the second semi–final match with a scheduled start time of 3.25pm and the coach will leave the club at around 8am. The coach back will leave the Oval at around 7.30pm or 11pm, depending on whether Ormskirk make the final which is scheduled to start at 7.10pm. The other semi–final will be between Wimbledon and Banbury. To reserve a seat on the coach email td@medimaging.co.uk or call 07808 180470. Cost is £30.

The cricket club will be open from 3pm on Friday showing all the match action which will be live on Sky Sports.

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Glayzer hits ton as Ormskirk seal second place with tense draw

ORMSKIRK prepared for their T20 finals day at the Oval by cementing the runners–up spot in the Liverpool Competition Premier Division with a home draw against New Brighton on Saturday.

An unbeaten century from Matty Glayzer (106* including 17x4s and 3x6s) and 28 each from Matt Morgan and John Armstrong enabled Ian Robinson to declare after 47.2 overs on 220–7.

Ashraf Nawab with 3–33 and Andy Evans 3–39 the pick of the bowlers.

The visitors put in a good effort at reaching their victory target which would have guaranteed their Premier Division survival. Lancashire's Luke Procter top scoring with 75 including 5x6s while Ian Robinson claimed 5–78 as Ormskirk came within one wicket of claiming victory but their innings ended on 214–9.

Northern were crowned champions after dethroning holders Lytham by 79 runs at Moor Park.

After being put in to bat the hosts declared after 50 overs on 223–5 with Lancashire's Paul Horton top scoring with 62, whilst John Wildman (51) and Mark Walling (38) also added valuable runs.

In reply Tom Sephton passed the 60 wickets for the season mark with 5–69 to help dismiss the visitors for 144, with Will Hale top scoring with 58.

• In the Second Division, Burscough won by 10 wickets at Caldy, where 4–17 from Matthew White helped dismiss the hosts for 104, with Jerome Root top scoring with 48.

In reply an unbeaten 86 from 63 balls from Rob Glaysher and 18 not out from Ryan Hughes eased the hosts to victory on 107–0 in just 19.3 overs.

Burscough host Sutton on Saturday while Ormskirk will visit Hightown on Sunday as they rae playing in the T20 cup finlas on Friday.

Skem hit the FA Cup trail

THE FA Cup road to Wembley for Skelmersdale United, begins on Saturday with a run to Flixton in west Manchester to play Northwich Victoria, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

No, the author hasn't got a faulty sat nav, that's where Northwich are currently based.

Skem manager Tommy Lawson will have a strong squad available, the only absence that isn't on the long–term injury list is expected to be Matty Hughes, who has an ankle injury that should be mended by the middle of the following week.

If a replay is necessary it will be on Tuesday, September 17, when Skelmersdale are scheduled to play Chorley. If either Skem or Chorley don't draw their cup ties an exciting game will be expected at Stormy Corner.

Chorley sit in second spot in the Evo–Stik Premier table with 15 points while Skelmersdale are 4th with 14 points,

Chorley also have a pair of the Skelmersdale championship heroes from last season in their side, goalkeeper Sam Ashton and striker Josh Hine.

Check the club website to see whether Skelmersdale have a game next Tuesday.

Saturday September 21st sees Skelmersdale travel to Buxton and there will be more about that game in next week's Champion.

Linnets forced to settle for share of the points

Ossett Town 3
Burscough 3

BURSCOUGH manager Derek Goulding will be disappointed after watching his team squander a two goal lead to be held on their visit to Yorkshire, *writes Adam Saint.*

The game itself consisted of no less than three penalties and the crowd at Ingfield were given full value for money

After just five minutes referee James Wilson pointed to the Burscough spot following a handball in the area. Steven Jeff stepped up and smashed the ball home.

Much to their credit, Burscough took the game by the scruff of the neck and began to work their way into the game.

On 13 minutes Jordan Williams found space in the box to send an effort against the bar. The rebound returned to Williams, who headed into the net for an equaliser.

The second half was barely underway when a long ball into the box was misjudged by the home side, the ball hitting his arm and the referee once again awarding a penalty. Mark Beesley made no mistake and put the Greens 2–1 up.

Ten minutes later Burscough looked to be crusing in the game as another defensive error gave Beesley his brace and Burscough a 3–1 lead.

Good work by Sharry down the right beating the full back, got to the deadball line and cut back for Wood to half the deficit.

With five minutes remaining, an Ossett player was felled in the area. Jeff took the final of the trio of penalties and levelled the game at 3–3.

Local lad Leadbetter leads fightback

Skelmersdale United 3
Frickely Athletic 2

United produced another strong finale, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow,* with the two goal hero being local boy Kevin Leadbetter who lives just around the corner from the ground.

Frickley from the Yorkshire mining town of South Elmsall showed plenty of grit that is a hallmark of their play and big striker Gavin Allot lost his marker in the 30th minute for the opener, running onto a James Ghaichem free–kick and heading past Skelmersdale goalkeeper Zac Hibbert.

Two minutes later Allott did it again, this time displaying twinkle toe skills to cut in from the corner of the penalty area, around two defenders before slotting the ball into the bottom corner of the net.

Only a magnificent save from Hibbert in the 41st minute kept it a very steep hill that Skem had to climb instead of a mountain.

Luke Hinsley squared the ball across the home penalty area to present Allott with a shooting chance that ended with Hibbert flicking the ball onto the crossbar.

Five minutes into the second–half Alan Burton put Holt away behind the Frickley defence and he was felled by a clumsy challenge from Jake Picton. Leadbetter grabbed the ball and fired home the penalty kick.

Skem took control and Leadbetter brought a superb diving save out of Woodhead.

Tommy Lawson introduced Adam Morning and he helped build up the pressure. Rogan hit the crossbar and somehow full–back Joe Wilcox blocked a Leadbetter shot on the line.

Skelmersdale equalised with six minutes left, Morning tucking the ball just inside the post and with two minutes left Leadbetter got the reward his efforts deserved. Keeping his cool to find the foot of the post from a tight situation, from where the ball crossed the line.

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